

"Unapproved Meeting Minutes"

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 26, 2006

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, October 26, 2006 at the Cumberland Administrative Office/Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, was called to order at 6:31 PM, by Chairman Paul Neves, with the following present:

Paul Neves, Chairman, Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Arthur DaCosta, Clerk,

Rosa Crowley, Linda Teel, Robert C. Thibodeau, Earl T. Wood

Also Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent; Susan C. Carney, Ph.D, Assistant Superintendent; Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

I. Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion and/or Action Items Referred to in GLRI 42-46-5:

A. Grievance - Exception (9)

1. Level Three - CTA #05-06-06

B. Hearing - Exception (8)

1. Student Suspension

Mr. Costa made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mr. DaCosta provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the motion, with Ms. Teel out of the room. Open Session recessed at 6:32 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 7:30 p.m. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes.

II. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by committee members.

III. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the agenda.

IV. Chairperson's Report - None.

V. Comments from the Public

A. Public Comments - Mr. Crawley commented on the rental fees for classrooms and athletic fields and requested the committee reconsider the fees. The Chair suggested Mr. Crawley put something in writing since there will be a change in committee members in November.

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B. Student Government Report - Kyle Cunningham reported on up-coming student activities, including putting together 75 turkey baskets for the holidays. The Chair commented on their success with the Big Buddies program at B.F. Norton and Ashton and asked them to consider the same program at other schools

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Personnel Committee - Mr. Thibodeau reported meeting on contracts for Central Administrators that will be discussed in Executive Session.

B. Finance Committee - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the payment of invoices in the amount of \$681,974.55.

C. Special Education Advisory Committee - Mr. Costa reported there would be a family resource and education fair November 8th, 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., in the Transitional Building.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Personnel Recommendation - The Superintendent presented the following:

1. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the retirement of Susan

McKee, Reading Teacher at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 12/31/2006.

2. On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-1 TO APPROVE the retirement of Omer LeClerc, Assistant Principal, at Cumberland High School, effective 1/5/2007, with Mr. Wood voting against.

3. On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the following appointments:

a. Charlene Luiz, Middle School English Coordinator for the 2006-2007 school year at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 12/27/2006 (Budgeted).

b. Karen Brodeur, Middle School Math Coordinator for the 2006-2007 school year at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 10/27/2006 (Budgeted).

c. Kathleen Jones, Middle School Science Coordinator for the 2006-2007 school year at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 10/27/2006 (Budgeted).

d. Cecile Palumbo, Middle School Social Studies Coordinator for the 2006-2007 school year at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 10/27/2006 (Budgeted).

e. Paula Vadenais, Middle School English Coordinator for the 2006-2007 school year at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 10/27/2006 (Budgeted).

f. Beth Coughlin, Middle School Math Coordinator for the 2006-2007 school year at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 10/27/2006 (Budgeted).

g. Conor Geary, Middle School Social Studies Coordinator for the 2006-2007 school year at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 10/27/2006 (Budgeted).

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h. Rachel Emery, Middle School Science Coordinator for the 2006-2007 school year at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 10/27/2006 (Budgeted).

4. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the appointment of David Sherman, Wrestling Coach for the 2006-2007 school year at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 10/27/2006 (Budgeted), pending his CPR certification.

VIII. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update - The Superintendent reported she received an e-mail that KBA has requested a special meeting with the fire chiefs on the fire suppression system at the High School. Mr. Wood reported they have selected colors for Ashton and Cumberland Hill and they were updated by KBA on ADA compliance. The cost for both all purpose rooms and the updates is \$4,482,041, which includes the fire codes for \$419,326. He noted without finding more money, they will have to look at the scope and have asked KBA to come back with costs for just the gyms. The Superintendent commented the

bond was passed three years ago, pre-dating the Station nightclub fire, and they are now dealing with inflation. The designs address the nurses room, meeting codes and there is nothing in the scope that doesn't need to be done. Mr. Wood reported the CHS2010 Building Committee will be touring the construction at the High School on Monday.

B. Search Committee Update - Mr. Rotella reported having a data base of nine candidates for the district Director of Technology. He will be putting together a screening committee to include Mr. Prignano and Mr. Britto. In the meantime he will be advertising for the Assistant Principal position at the High School.

C. Discussion and Approval of Wellness Policy - The Superintendent noted that at the last meeting she was asked to convene the Wellness subcommittee and put together a status of the system and identify what the gaps are. Dr. Morelle has crafted a written survey for all the principals and requested possible recommendations. She asked school committee members to e-mail her any of their concerns.

IX. New Business

A. Home School Instruction Requests - Dr. Carney recommended approval of the requests for four additional students, noting two have returned from being home schooled out of the country and two are new to the state. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the requests.

X. Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent complimented Mr.

Prignano on his work last week, stating the committee would be pleased with the budget that will be presented. She reported tomorrow is Mr. Barrette's last day and thanked him for his work.

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Dr. Morelle thanked the school committee and recognized Mr. Neves' service to this community and acknowledged his family, who was present.

XI. Comments from the Public - Mr. Higgins thanked the committee on behalf of the Town Council. He then thanked Mr. Neves, noting his seven years of work with Mr. Neves on the School Committee. Mr. McGarry thanked the committee and the Chair, noting Mr. Neves' work during negotiations. He recognized Mr. Neves and Mr. DaCosta who are not running for re-election. Mr. Egan commended Mr. Neves, noting he had once been his student. He stated Mr. Neves never lost sight of education and the students of the Town. Ms. Hook commented on the Wellness Committee and the fact that 40% of children are over-weight. She would like Cumberland to be known as a leader in Wellness.

XII. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - Mr.

Wood reported there would be a Halloween celebration at Cumberland Hill. Mr. Thibodeau thanked Mr. Neves as Chair the past year and thanked the Superintendent for the job she has done in passing a bond and negotiating a contract. Mr. Costa thanked Mr. Neves for his leadership and his friendship for many years and extended gratitude to all the members. Mr. Neves thank everyone, noting he had been on the committee 14 years. He thanked his family and presented flowers to his wife and daughter and then to Dr. Morelle and Dr. Carney.

XIII. Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion and/or Action Items Referred to in GLRI 42-46-5

A. Personnel Matters - Exception (1)

- 1. CTA/ICSE**
- 2. Superintendent's Annual Evaluation/Objectives**

B. Negotiations/Litigation - Exception (2)

- 1. CTA/ICSE**
- 2. Central Administrators' Contracts**
- 3. Non-Contractual Salaries**
- 4. Potential Litigation**

Mr. Costa made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Crowley provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the motion. Open Session adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 9:45 p.m. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta,

and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-1 TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes, with Mr. Thibodeau having departed.

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XIV. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE adjourning Open Session at 9:46 p.m., with Mr. Thibodeau having departed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary

Subject to approval by the School Committee